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End Black on Black Violence. Can the Church Help? (part 3 of a 3-part series)

“Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; but I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell.” Charles Thomas Studd (1860-1931) was an English missionary to China, Africa and India.

If Charles Thomas Studd lived in our time and in our community, undoubtedly his concern would not be geared towards filling the Church's coffers, achieving fame, or gaining a bigger assembly. Instead, his regard would be to those who are misguided, targeted by drug dealers, known to the police, or, as he so eloquently put it, are within a yard of hell.

“And the lord said unto the servant, go into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled” (Luke 14 verse 23). This I believe is what is missing from today's church. We are waiting for troubled youngsters to come into the assembly and success is (seemingly) only measured by the number of people in church.

It is not good enough for the church to simply denounce violence; let's face it, even some of the vilest components of our society are also calling for a halt to violence. My argument here is that true piety does not lie in what we do or say in church but in what we do outside of the church and in our communities.

Combating Violent Behavior

Submitted by Milton Hart

The Church, if it is serious about making a difference in the lives of our youngsters, has to set itself apart from other societal institutions. “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord” (2 Corinthians 6:14-17). Being separate from other societal institutions, especially in the case where some youngsters see the system as working against them, the Church has a tremendous opportunity to give troubled youngsters a proverbial ear to speak in and a shoulder to lean on.

It is great that evangelists are concerned about the souls of our troubled youngsters, but

what about their lives before they go to the hereafter? There should be the realization that some of our youngsters are in deep trouble and their most pressing concern is about “today” not what may happen after they die.

The Black preacher/pastor, by virtue of his/her position, is an invaluable component in the fight against violence in that she/he usually has the admiration of the community and the moral authority. This is assuming that the preacher did not become corrupt by the consumer culture and capitalism. This is not to say that these ideologies are inherently evil; they become problematic when ministers espouse them over their commitment to the community.

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EDITORIAL

How quickly a year goes by! It was one year ago that Jamaica celebrated 40 years of Independence and the Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) celebrated forty years of existence.

As both Jamaica and JCA celebrate their 41st years, the community and Jamaicans in the Diaspora once again look to ours roots and give thanks to have been given the foundation and the courage to grow, establish and give of ourselves wherever in the world we are and have decided to call "home".

It is because of this foundation that we were given in Jamaica that the JCA was formed and have since stood the test of time. The JCA continues to serve people from all walks of life and is a direct result of the Jamaican spirit that never falters in serving its fellowman. Congratulations to both Jamaica and the JCA on 41 years of commitment to humanity!

As always, the JCA tries to keep the Community informed. It is important to note that as the major governments of the world continue to declare "war on terrorism", many changes are taking place on a daily basis. Some of the changes are only happening on the level of paperwork and policies. However, these changes will eventually become law and will have serious implications for all Canadians and will take on significant implications for immigrants and naturalized Canadians.

One such change that all Jamaicans should become aware

of (and begin collecting the facts about) is the introduction of the National I.D. Card for all Canadians. This card is expected to become part and parcel of our daily lives by the year 2005. This card will certainly cross the line of what we normally consider "my right to privacy". However, in this brave new world of "axis of evil", "terrorism", and "the removal of regimes", it is almost impossible to believe that things will be "normal" again and as such, "personal privacy" seems to have been thrown out with the bath water.

The public must participate in the debate or create the debate to ascertain how necessary these cards really are or will be, and how far should the government go to maintain security. Scanning someone's eyes and other personal body parts may not be a full guarantee that terrorist acts will not continue to be perpetrated against various regimes. So, if there is no guarantee, then one must question the need to further infringe on personal privacy.

It is therefore necessary for us to (not just as parts of an association but also as members of the public) contact Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament to let them know our views on these cards. Everyone needs to participate in the decision-making process of the government. These decisions will affect everyone, whether or not we participate in the process. It's time to stand up and be counted.

Claudette Cameron-Stewart

CONGRATULATIONS to Jamaica on your 41st year of Independence and to the Jamaican Canadian Association for 41 years of service to the Black Community. We have reasons to celebrate this momentous journey. May you both continue to walk in success, prosperity, love and peace. Together we will get to where we want to go because we know what is required to get there.

As we begin the journey towards fifty years it is fitting to pause and smile, pinch ourselves as we ask the question, "Who would have thought we would have gotten this far?" We can now confidently answer this question. All the people who have served on the Board of Directors of the Jamaican Canadian Association from its inception to now believed that this was possible. The future Board members who will carry the torch will also be believers. To all those believers, past and present, we thank you very much.

We thank all of the volunteers who have given so much of their invaluable time to the JCA to ensure its success and maturity. Through your blood, sweat, tears and money you volunteers have helped to shape this very worthy organization that we take so much pride in. You have done very well



President's REPORT

Valarie Steele

and we salute you for your effort.

As we walk together in the pursuit of equity, fairness, justice and economic prosperity, we will continue to advocate, enhance our services to our community and take care of our young people. These are duties that we have always paid attention to and will continue in the future as we journey on.

We still have a large debt on our community centre. Your donations and voluntary contribution are still needed. We thank you for your support in the past and look forward to your

continued support in the future. Please visit our Website @: www.jcassoc.com to become informed with the different services we offer and upcoming events. Please share this information with your family and friends.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our wider Membership and Staff, I salute Jamaica on its 41st year of Independence and the Jamaican Canadian Association on its 41st year of service to our community and wish them both continued success and good fortune.

May your God bless you as we walk together in success, prosperity, peace and love.

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MEMBERSHIP SERVICES *REPORT*

Submitted: Pauline Reid, Membership Chair

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer. We held our Annual Picnic/Outing at Riverside Park in Guelph and everyone had a great time. We are trying to establish an effective way of reminding members of their membership-renewal date. I will try to resolve this issue before the end of the year. As I said in the last "In FOCUS", if you have paid your dues you should be receiving a yellow sticker for your laminated card and I strongly suggest that members take their cards to JCA functions.

Important dates to remember:

We will be hosting our first Membership Appreciation BBQ (which means that food, drinks and admission will be without charge!) on Saturday August 30, 2003. The board wants to show its appreciation to the members and volunteers for the tremendous and tireless effort that you have given to the Jamaican Canadian Association.

The Senior's Brunch will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2003 and the cost will be \$10.00 per senior. Please see enclosed flyer for more information.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2003. Parents; please be reminded to submit your children's date of birth in order for us to issue appropriate gifts at the party. Registration forms will be mailed in the next issue of the "In Focus".



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF "West Indies Cricket"

My name is West Indies and I rose out of the ashes of colonialism to take my position as a symbol of liberation and independence to the people of the Caribbean.

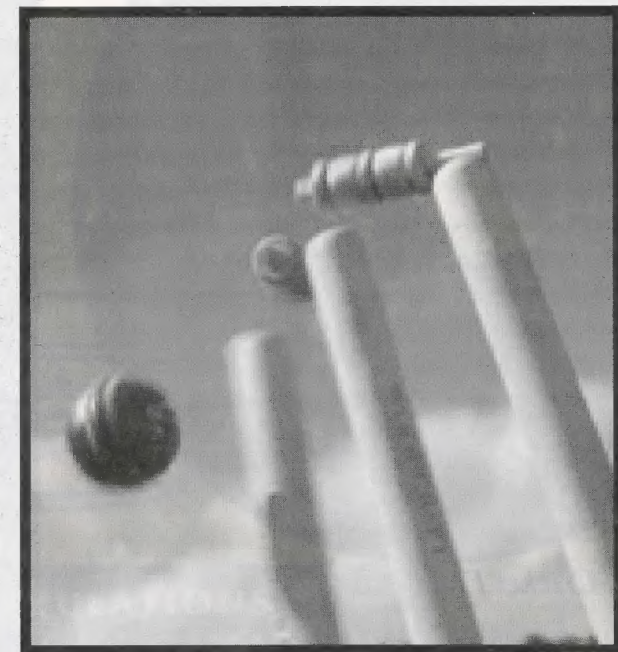
You will remember that the people I serve were burdened by the ravages of slavery and many other discriminatory practices. It was I, for that reason, who gave the people a significant hope; a realization that I could compete with the best and win. They used me as a mechanism for equality and I performed best when challenged by the former colonizer.

In fact, I enjoyed my very first victory in the pre-war days of 1930 by thoroughly thrashing England in the third Test at the Bourda oval in Guyana.

In my humble opinion, those were some of the best days of my existence; with Clifford Roache's 209 runs that signaled the very first century made by a West Indian batsman, George Headley's 114 in the first inning combined with 112 runs in the second inning and Learie Constantine's five-wicket haul in the second inning, I sent notice to the world that I was a force to recon with. I must hasten to point-out that I won that game by 289 runs.

The common sentiment in

those days was that I was beating the world at its own game; a game that was most often played by the



(just to name a few). Thanks in part to an enterprising 102 from Rae, we amassed 326 runs. We would then dispatch the English from the crease for a paltry 151, score 425 for 6 wickets declared, and bowl-out England for 274. That was my first victory at Lords and I felt like I had many more to come.

In the 1950's I was still a mighty force. The name Sir Garfield Sobers kept driving fear and trepidation into the hearts of my opponents and his 365 runs at Sabina Park against Pakistan spoke volumes about his talent and determination.

I won my first series over Australia in 1963 and looked unstoppable. Keeping my form through to the 70s, I participated in the very first World-Cup cricket competition and won convincingly over Australia. I went on to win the second version of the tournament in 1979 and was the runner-up to India in 1983.

I was still great in the 80s, thanks partially to the advent of Vivian Richards (otherwise known as the Master Blaster), Micheal Holding, and Joel Garner. Ask anyone and they will tell you that I had the most fearsome fast bowlers in the world, the two best opening batsmen and the best fielders.

elite of British society and only watched by the colonized subjects of the Caribbean.

It has often been said that I got even more devastating after the Second World War. 1948 saw the advent of the 3 Ws, Frank Worrell, Clyde Walcott and Everton Weeks; three young men who, with their swashbuckling demeanor, tantalized the world with stroke-play.

Of such was my confidence that I walked into the legendary Lords Cricket Ground in 1950, won the toss and decided to bat before a sellout crowd. I was not worried because, after all, I had the 3 Ws, Allan Rae, Alfred Valentine and Sonny Ramadhin

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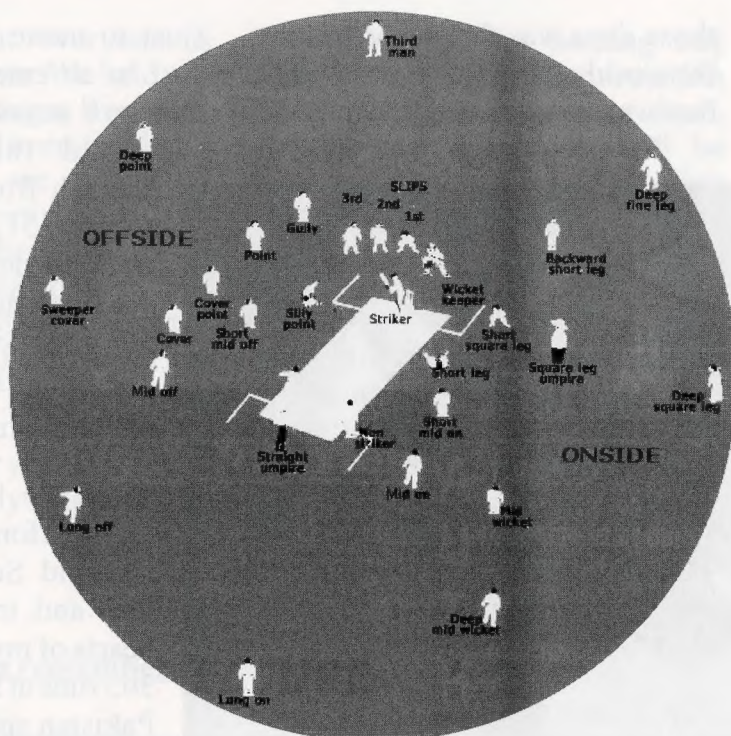
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Back then my boys were playing cricket, not for the money, but because of the pride that they had for the Caribbean and the game. To them, this was more than just cricket, it was seemingly about vindication and honor.



Cricket Field Position

Those were the days, but I am saddened by what happened subsequently. My heart is a bit heavy at this point, understanding that I am compelled to articulate the happenings of the 1990s and 2000s. Those were my darkest moments as it seemed as if my boys were not focused on the game. It appeared as if they were always distracted while playing and that money was more important than the game itself.

After putting on a dismal showing at the 1999 World Cup, I was ousted in the first round of the 2003 edition of the tournament.

Now I am getting white-washed (losing all the games in a series) by some teams I used to handle with relative ease.

My captains are inclined to desert me at the slightest

opportunity, my organization is filled with businessmen instead of knowledgeable cricketers and my boys are settling for mediocre performances.

Though I understand the seriousness of this job, I am not able to realize my full potential.

If further information is needed regarding my suitability to represent the Caribbean, please do not hesitate to contact the West Indian people via an opinion poll. I am afraid that I may not like the results.

Submitted by **Milton Hart**

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August 16, 2003 is the big day! For the 4th Annual Charity Golf Classic of the JCA that is. Hopefully, you will have received this newsletter before then. The committee will be repeating a format that has been working well: afternoon golf at the Cardinal Golf Club in Kettleby followed by reception, dinner, and prizes at the centre. For a donation of \$20, JCA members

are welcome to attend the dinner and even participate in the auction of some of the most valuable prizes.

At the time of writing, there are indications that we will continue to have some major sponsors and supporters of the past: Flow, Sandals, Western Union, Brantville Construction, Grace

Kennedy, Southport Data Systems, Mirabel Travel, Jamaica Tourist Board, Air Jamaica, and Wyndham Rose Hall Resort. As well, we hope that our hole and tee sponsors and donors of prizes will be back on Board.

New sponsors and supporters are welcome. On the JCA WEB site, we have listed the different levels of sponsorship, as well as the benefits to sponsors. Check it out yourself, and invite potential sponsors whom you may know to check it out also and get in touch with us. The brochure with all the tournament information, including an application form, should be on the WEB site as well.

Our patrons this year are Ms. Vivian Betton, Jamaican Consul General; Mr. Alan Tonks, M.P., York South Weston; Mr. Joe Halstead, Commissioner, Economic Development, City of Toronto; and Mr. Michael "Pinball" Clemons, Head Coach, Toronto Argonauts. We are hoping that they will be able to attract some new sponsors and golfers to our tournament.

Thanks to all our supporters, we have moved from a break-even position in the first year, to making a healthy profit in both the second and third years. Alvin Ffrench (past chair), Karl Killingbeck (chair), Winston Earle, Earl Lator, Neville Miles, Keith Mills, Jeff Patterson, Alton Telfer, and Erma Collins (Board Liaison) are all working hard to make the 2003 version another successful tournament.

Erma Collins
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JCA WOMEN'S SPACE

Breast and Prostate Cancer Workshop

Saturday June 14, 2003 Organized by the Women's Committee

Moderator: Theo Briscoe
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Presenters: Desna Irving
and **Dr. Abara**

Desna Irving: (Member of Women's committee)
Breast Cancer

Mrs. Irving gave a short synopsis of the anatomy and physiology of the breast. It was established that 80% of breast tumors are benign. The most common breast cancers are ductal, which are found in the ducts, and lobular which are found in the lobes. There may be other types of cancers found in the breast.

Early detection is very important. The woman, during self-examination, may find lumps in her breast but it is imperative that she visits her doctor in order to have her breasts examined. Mammograms are also very important.

Symptoms

1. Thickening of the breast tissues
2. Change in the shape and size of the breast
3. Puckering or dimpling of

4. Change in color

Treatment

1. Surgical biopsy
2. Aspiration and analysis of the fluid
3. Ultrasound
4. Local or systemic destruction of the tumor. Surgery is the most common treatment. A breast conservation method called lumpectomy may be done followed by radiation or chemotherapy.

Survival Rate

There is a 70% survival rate. After 5 years, the woman is categorized as a survivor.

Dr. Abara: Urologist York central - Prostate Cancer

Prostate cancer is the most common diagnosis in men next to lung cancer. The disease occurs in aging males with or without symptoms. Later stages result in weight loss, bone pain or even paralysis because the disease may affect the spine.

Diagnosis

Take history to confirm place of origin. Client should be tested once per year digitally of have a PSA test. The use of an ultrasound may also be effective. If any of the

tests are positive, the grading of the tumor is necessary. Determine if it is confined or metastasized.

Treatment: What is the aim?

Watchful waiting client should be tested every 3 months. Radical surgery, radiation, hormone treatment, seeding, oral medication or antibiotics

The aim is to cure the cancer, and for this reason, radical prostatectomy is the best cure. There is a better survival rate for those who have radical surgery.

Risk Factors

1. Aging
2. Race. More aggressive in Black Males
3. Diet
4. Hormonal issues. Male hormone supports the growth of prostate cancer

Vitamin E is known to kill cancer cells because of its antioxidant property. Vitamin D and Calcium are known to prevent cancer. Selenium boosts the immune system. Fat is dangerous to your heart and prostate. Tomatoes, soy/tofu and greens are great in the fight against cancer.

Prevention

1. Drink lots of water
2. Men whose family member(s) have had the

disease should be checked regularly

3. Gene therapy

The best insurance is the annual (free) physical exam. One has the right to seek a second opinion. Spend time with your physician in order to discuss options. Biopsies are done in six quadrants. Castration is the last resort. An important thing to remember is that no treatment is without consequences.

Symptoms

1. Frequent urinating
2. Hesitancy
3. Intermittency
4. May have pelvic pain

Psychological support is very important. Families, friends and other support groups can play a vital part in giving encouragement to sufferers of prostate cancer. It is important for men to link with support group(s) before an operation.

Volunteers are needed
at the
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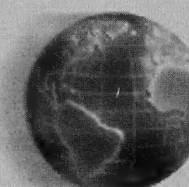
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YOUTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

And the beat goes on ...the JCA Youth Affairs Committee has been involved in a number of endeavors in recent months.

Committee members participated in the Toronto Youth Summit that took place in May at George Brown College. A series of workshop sessions were offered to provide youth a platform to discuss pressing issues facing today's youth. The workshop sessions were both engaging and enriching covering a multitude of issues: institutionalized racism, rising tuition fees, youth violence, influence of pop culture, homelessness, etc. Organizers of the Summit will be publishing a document of the comments and concerns raised in the sessions.

On a similar note, the JCA Youth Affairs Committee recently wrapped up its 2nd series of radio sessions on CHRY. Every Friday in the month of June, the members enlightened the

listening audience with issues pertaining to youth. Topics included the importance of higher education, exercising political rights and volunteering in the community. The Committee sincerely thanks CHRY 105.5 FM for once again providing a great opportunity to communicate youth issues over the airwaves.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Summer 2003 - Saturday Morning Tutorial Program (SMTP) enrichment - ongoing partnership with Education Committee to further develop the program

- Sunday, August 3rd - Jamaican Independence Day Church Service - members will participate as flag-bearers and ushers

- Saturday, August 9 - JCA Independence Gala Dinner - members will lead hospitality team

ushers to guests

- Fall 2003 - Outreach to surrounding community youth to educate them on their political rights with the upcoming election

- Saturday, October 25th - The 2nd Annual Young Professionals Gala Dinner - *A Night to Shine: Overcoming Adversity*

The JCA Youth Affairs Committee is dedicated to the personal, professional, cultural, social and economic development of youth. It stands firmly by its motto: Unified People Learning and Improving for Tomorrow. (U.P.L.I.F.T.). The Committee welcomes all interested individuals to join. For more information, please contact **David Griffiths (Youth Affairs Chair)** at 416-746-5772 ext.422 or youthaffairs@jcassoc.com

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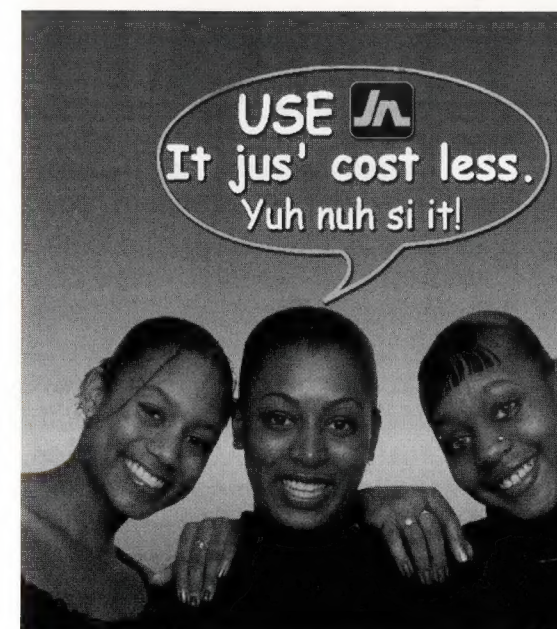
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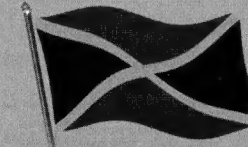
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By Alton Telfer

We have now approached mid-summer, and although we had a late start in getting some good warm weather, I am hopeful that you are taking full advantage. I hope you are taking in as many home barbeques and picnics at the park as you can. Speaking of picnics, the JCA annual picnic was held on July 6/03 at the Riverside Park in Guelph. It was, by all indications, very enjoyable. The day was beautiful weather-wise and the park was also beautiful. The attendance was a little smaller compared to other years, and I can't find anyone to blame but SARS.

Now let me take you to Jamaica to Congratulate 14 year-old Trudy Mcleary of Ardenne High School in Kingston. Trudy was placed third in the Scripps Howard Spelling Bee contest held in Washington DC, USA, about two months ago. The only word that prevented Trudy from advancing to first place was "APLUSTRE"; she spelt it "APLUSTRY". Apulstre is an ornament appendage of wood found at the stern of a ship. In one of Trudy's comments, it would appear as if at times she experienced difficulty with the judge's accents. Trudy received \$35000 US cash award for her third place finish.

The winner was Sai Gunturi of Dallas Texas, who entered the competition for the fourth time. There were a total of 250 spellers who competed.

Our High schools in Jamaica are first class, as the saying goes "Second to none". You may remember back in 1998 when Jodi-

-Ann Maxwell, another Jamaican, came away with the first place trophy. The Americans went into a state of "SHOCK". They could not believe that a contestant from "Little Jamaica", as they call us, could suppress their boy who was deemed to win. After they recovered, they changed the rules governing the contest but that action did not deter the JAMAICANS as you noticed.

The Government of Jamaica is aggressively moving forward with the plans to abandon the UK-based Privy Council and replace it with a "Caribbean Court of Justice" (CCJ). This will be done jointly with the other Caribbean countries including Guyana. There has been a request from various Agencies and political parties for a referendum.

I must remind you that the JCA's Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held at the Cardinal Golf and County Club in Kettleby Ontario on Saturday August 16, 2003 at 12:30 p.m. Registration is now in progress. There are limited spaces, therefore I urge you to register now. The Committee is looking for "Hole" and "Tee" sponsor at the cost of \$350 and \$150 respectively.

Items for the prize table are also requested. You can be a sponsor and also ask the manager of the store you shop or the company you work for to be a donor and a sponsor. For more information, please contact Alton Telfer at 416-292-4551. You are also invited to the Golf Dinner and Awards Ceremony the same evening at the

Jamaican Canadian Association, 995 Arrow Road, starting at 7 p.m. The cost will be a donation of \$20 per person.

To conclude, let me use this medium to congratulate Dr. Callender of Waterloo University, Dan Williamson and Nedra Ferron of St. Thomas Healthcare Organization. They are currently in Jamaica on a goodwill mission. Accompanying them are two students (third and fourth year Ophthalmology students) and an Optician. They will be at the clinic at the Princess Margaret Hospital in St. Thomas, Jamaica for one week. They will be screening and dispensing eyeglasses to the school-children and other individuals who normally cannot afford to pay for this service.

Dr. Callender and the students will also work at the F.I.S.H clinic in Papine.

This is all voluntary service. A big "thank you" to the team of volunteers from Canada on behalf of the recipients.

A "thank you" is also conveyed to the Jamaica National Building Society, the sponsor of the "children's day" at the Eye Clinic.



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years, Black preachers/pastors have captured the attention and admiration of North Americans. These preachers did not shy away from calling themselves the leaders of the people and the government was usually answerable to these men of the cloth. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X (just to name a few) claimed leadership on behalf of their

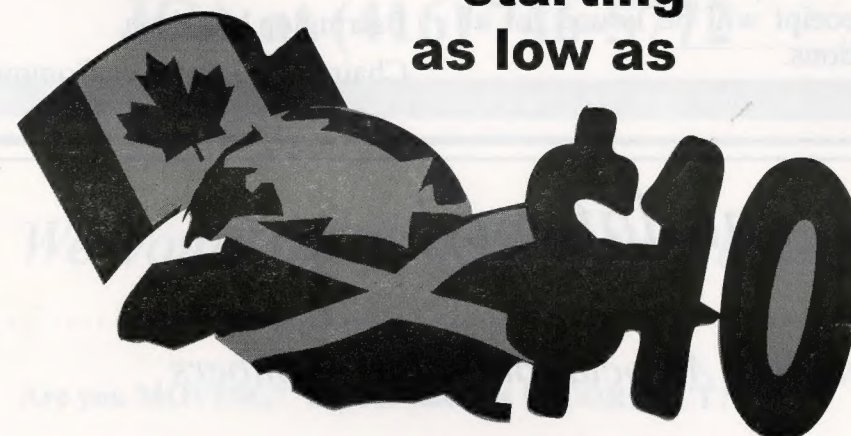
people and very often the lines between leader, politician and disciplinarian were blurred by these religious stalwarts.

In our present situation where Black on Black violence is rampant in the Toronto milieu, I am looking to the Black Church (I will argue that there is such a thing) and the Church in general to exercise its moral authority, its ability to influence the government where social policy is concerned, and its God-given mandate to go to the highway and hedges in order to compel the problematic youngsters in Toronto to come in.

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Education *REPORT*

Dear Friends:

Over the past forty years the Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) has assisted many young people in their quest for higher education by awarding scholarships. In recent times however, and for many reasons, we have been unable to fulfill this part of our duty to our community.

The Education Committee has initiated a revival of the JCA Annual Scholarship Awards Program.

Traditionally the JCA has given two major scholarships for which funds have to be raised. These are the "I Have a Dream" and "The Marcus Garvey" scholarships.

Both these scholarships belong to the membership of the JCA and are of great significance in terms of our history as a people as they relate to Martin Luther King jr. and Marcus Garvey. We therefore appeal to you as caring members of our community to make a direct contribution towards these two scholarships. Our target is \$5000 divided equally between the two scholarships. Donations of \$20, \$50, \$100, \$200 or more will be greatly appreciated. In addition, members who donate \$1000 or more will have a scholarship presented in their name if they so choose. We further encourage all members to consider making their donations on an annual basis in order to keep the program alive. A tax receipt will be issued for all donations.

It is vital that we make the effort however small; to support our young people who are striving to educate themselves and eventually take their rightful place in the society. They are our future and with your help they will succeed in becoming fine role models for those who follow them. As we say in Jamaica "one, one coco full basket". Please be generous in your donations.

Send your donations, clearly labeled "SCHOLARSHIP FUND c/o The Education Committee" to the JCA.

We thank you for your kind consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Barrington Morrison
Chair of the Education Committee

QUARTERLY MEETING

SUNDAY
AUGUST 24, 2003
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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995 Arrow Road

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Milton Hart Public - Relations Chair

These new Board members, with the help of the JCA's
many hard-working volunteers, will undoubtedly be instrumental
in ensuring that the organization continues to be a positive influence.
Well done!

We would like to keep in touch with you.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<u>JCA 5th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC TOURNAMENT</u>	Sat. Aug. 16	1:30 p.m.	CARDINAL GOLF
<u>JCA'S GOLF CLASSIC RECEPTION</u>	Sat. Aug. 16	6:00 p.m.	HALLS #1 & 2
<u>*QUARTERLY MEMBER-SHIP MEETING</u>	Sun. Aug. 24	2:00 6:00pm	JCA CENTRE
<u>MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION BRUNCH</u>	Sat. Aug. 30	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	JCA CENTRE
<u>ANNUAL SENIORS' BUNCH</u>	Sun. Sept. 21	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	JCA CENTRE
<u>*QUARTERLY MEMBER-SHIP MEETING</u>	Sun. Nov. 30	2:00 6:00pm	JCA CENTRE
<u>CHRISTMAS GRAND MARKET</u>	Sat. Dec. 6	9:00 a. m. -3:00 p.m.	JCA CENTRE
<u>ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY</u>	Sun. Dec. 7	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	JCA CENTRE
<u>NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA</u>	Tues. Dec. 31	6:30 p.m.	JCA CENTRE